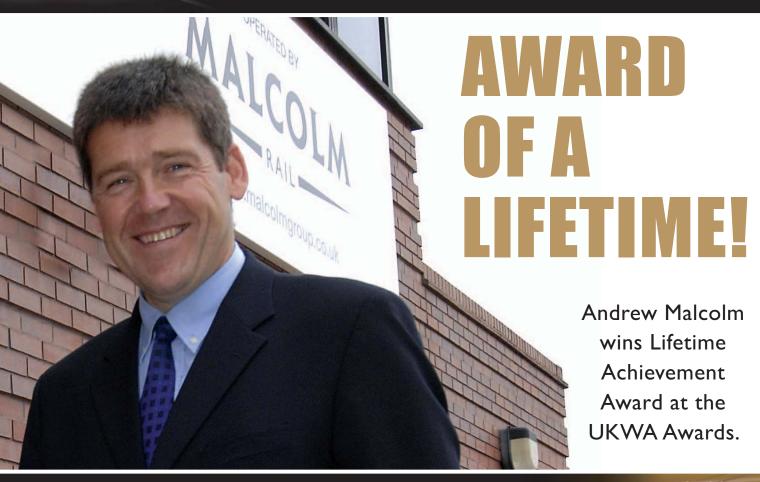


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Andrew Malcolm, the Chief Executive of The Malcolm Group has been awarded the Chairman's Award at the UKWA Awards dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London.

The award recognises a lifetime of achievement in the Warehousing and Logistics Industry. Andrew's contribution has been vast. He started in the family firm straight from school in the repair workshops and progressed to driving general haulage vehicles, becoming road foreman and then Depot Manager. In 1989 he took over the running of the Logistics Services Division and was the driving force behind its transformation into a major countrywide player in the logistics sector.

In 1994 he became Chief Executive of both divisions and joined the Grampian Board - the youngest director to be appointed to such a position. His detailed knowledge of his industry, customers and employees has been built up over his thirty years with the company.

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Malcolm signs with Celtic

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of 24seven. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to contribute to this edition. I urge you to keep the stories coming in; remember this is your magazine.

We have some interesting stories in this edition including a Q & A session with Andrew Malcolm, the launch of our new identity and up to date news stories from all our divisions.

I hope you find this magazine both interesting and informative. If anyone has any interesting employee related news or stories, whether it is personal or business achievements, hobbies or anything that you would like to share then please start sending them in for the next edition.

We welcome your feedback on how communications can be improved within the Malcolm Group, as well as any suggestions you may have for future editions.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

As we all know 2008 has been a tumultuous year for the world economy. It is pleasing therefore to see how well the company has performed throughout the year and indeed how well placed we are to face the challenges and opportunities that will no doubt arise in the year ahead.

The most important elements in our continued success are the dedication and quality of our people. Our staff continue to be our strongest asset.

I hope you enjoy the magazine and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their efforts in the past year and to wish them, customers and suppliers a very happy and prosperous new year.

Andrew B. Malcolm, Chief Executive contd from cover:

'AWARD **OF A LIFETIME'**



In 2005, Andrew and his brother, Walter, brought the company back into private ownership after 45 years of being part of a PLC. The Malcolm Group has continued to go from strength to strength and in the year to January 2008, turnover was in the region of £219M with the group employing over 2,000 people.

The logistics division of this company first became involved in warehousing in 1970 with 10K sq ft of warehousing at Johnstone. The Malcolm Group now owns one of the most comprehensive depot networks in the UK and operates in excess of 4M sq ft of warehousing across 11 locations with a full range of facilities including Ambient, Bonded, Racked and High Bay options.

The UK Warehousing Association was established in 1944, when the Government of the day asked for representatives from warehousing companies to form a Committee to discuss the storage and distribution of food and materials in war time Britain.

Today UKWA is a well-respected Association which represents nearly 700 member companies who, between them, operate around 100 million sq ft of warehouse and distribution centre space from some 2000 locations across the UK.

Andrew Malcolm stated, 'I am honoured to be awarded with this lifetime achievement award. Although I have been in the industry for over 30 years I still have many more years in front of me and a great deal more to achieve.'

HEALTH & SAFETY

A major review of the Group's health & safety structure, procedures and departments has recently taken place. Directors, Managers and Supervisors have all recently received additional training which will improve our health & safety standards.

Regular health & safety committee meetings are taking place to discuss issues at all levels. If you have any health and safety issues you wish raised at these meetings, inform your line manager or nominated safety representative (if applicable).

NEW BENEFIT

The company is introducing Childcare Vouchers with effect from January '09. This valuable benefit will be made available to all Malcolm Group employees. The scheme will be run by Busybees Childcare Vouchers, the largest provider in the UK.

Childcare Vouchers can be used to pay for all sorts of childcare as long as it's approved by the Care Commission. Such childcare includes nurseries, after school clubs and summer holiday clubs and applies to children up to the age of 16. Both parents/guardians can apply for the maximum amount.

These childcare vouchers are backed by government and HM Revenue and Customs, they are non-taxable and exempt from NI contributions, meaning you can save up to £1196 per year, per parent towards the cost of childcare. This is via reduced tax and NIC, subject to individual circumstances.

Please contact Busybees direct on 08000 430 860 with any enquiries.

USE OF HAND-HELD MOBILES

The Company has recently issued an updated Mobile Phone Policy. This restricts the use of personal phones during work time in the interests of safety and efficiency. In line with the law it also bans the use of hand-held mobile phones whilst driving.

The issue of using a hand-held phone whilst driving has increasingly been seen as a serious matter by the courts and enforcement officials.



Consider what happened to a lorry driver caught using a phone whilst driving. He was not only prosecuted and given 3 points and a fixed penalty but he was also then put in front of the Traffic Commissioner who suspended his LGV licence for two months.

The Traffic Commissioner went further recently, stating that any LGV driver caught using a hand-held phone whilst driving – even in his own car – would have his LGV entitlement suspended for a minimum of three months and she would consider suspending the Operator's Licence for employers of lorry drivers caught during working hours.

Besides the danger of this inherently unsafe act, the penalties for using a handheld phone whilst driving are severe and are set to get even more stringent. Don't take the risk!

What A Waste

The Malcolm Group must ensure they conform to all aspects of Waste Management legislation and they are doing this by implementing the three 'R's' – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

The dedicated Waste Management team are always looking to improve the Malcolm Group's green credentials and to save money where possible – gone are the days of landfilling everything that comes in from our own sites and third parties because the costs involved are getting higher every year.



All depots are now in full swing, recycling their paper waste as initiated by the Waste Management Department. This is going very well due to staff participation throughout all departments. Where practical we also recycle cans, bottles/glass, cardboard and plastics at larger offices and the recycling centre at South Street.



The duties of this department are varied dealing with the environmental and operational areas of the Recycling Centre at South Street, various landfill sites, Loanhead Quarry, assorted construction sites, Logistics sites including Elderslie Rail terminal and contaminated land issues.

If there are any areas concerning the environment that you wish to discuss, the team would be happy to deal with any topic raised.

Contact: David J Balmer of Malcolm Construction T.0141 435 5200 F.0141 954 3866 email. balmerd@whm.co.uk



Q & A with the CEO:

A regular feature of our newsletters will be a Question and Answer session with a company employee. For this first issue we speak with Andrew Malcolm and find out some very interesting facts...

What did you think when you won the UKWA Lifetime Achievement Award?

'It was a surprise and an honour, although I am only 46 so I have a lot more to give. Really, I received the award on behalf of the whole Malcolm team. As an individual I can only ever be as successful as the team I have behind me, and I have been fortunate throughout my whole career to have a very strong team at every level.'

What would you say are the biggest changes in our industry that you have seen over the years?

'As an industry, and even on an individual basis, I believe that we are over taxed, over legislated, and there seems to be little room for common sense. Government legislation and red tape always create problems for any business but I believe that current policies are strangling a lot of businesses.'

Looking back, what are your greatest successes?

'I don't ever look back. I believe that the only way to be successful is to look forward. You can't change the past - you can only focus on securing the future.'

What, or who, has been the main influence in your career?

'That's an easy one. In one word - "DAD"

What would you do differently?

'I don't think there is any one specific item or thing I would do differently. We have continued to respond to the market and invest in the future. Our acquisitions and move to rail freight transport have been important to continue the company's growth. In that sense our strategy has never changed.'

How would you describe the Malcolm Group's objectives?

'Sound and deliverable. There is no point in having objectives if they cannot be attained.'

What is unique about the organisation and its approach?

'Again that's an easy one - our people. It may sound a pat answer, but without good people we would not be successful.'

What is the biggest challenge our industry faces?

I know that there has been a lot in the press recently about the downturn in the economy. It is going to be hard we are now living in a different economic situation from even a couple of years ago. That's why diversification is so important. It is one of the reasons why we took over the running of DIRFT. It's another reason why we have to keep looking forward, to adapt and change and never to rest on our laurels.'

What frustrates you the most about the current environment?

'I am not a political individual but the lack of decision making at both Westminster and at the Scottish Government is extremely frustrating to say the least. We need politicians to act, not deliberate.'

What does the future look like for The Malcolm Group?

'You never know what's round the corner but as we stand today I believe our business model is as strong as it could be. However we can't be complacent and we have to assume the current climate is here to stay and we have to ensure our whole business is robust, efficient and effective. On the back of this, as has always been the case, we will be one of the strongest businesses out there.'

Can you tell us a bit about your personal life?

'I am 46 years of age and have been married to Fiona for 24 years. I have three children: Nicola who was 21 in Oct, Euan 18 and Ker 14. I have always lived in the local area of Brookfield and now Kilbarchan. I started my school life at Kilbarchan Primary then moved to Paisley Grammar Secondary School. I left school at 16 to join W H Malcolm.'

Do you have any hobbies or interests, which you enjoy in your spare time?

'From a very young age my first love was for trucks and diggers and I spend most of my spare time round the depots and sites. I joined Fiona's passion for horses in my late 20's and along with her and Nicola, we compete together today. I am a poor (but consistent) golfer and I also get enjoyment watching my two sons play competitive rugby.'

The Q&A will be a regular feature in the Malcolm Group Newsletter. If you have any questions you would like to ask relevant people in the company please send your questions to Helen Ryan at ryanh@whm.co.uk





THE **NEW**MALCOLM BRAND

The Malcolm Group has changed its corporate identity to reflect the development of the company since its reacquisition by the Malcolm family in 2005.



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Helen Ryan - Marketing Manager T: 01698 835872 email: ryanh@whm.co.uk Andrew Malcolm, Group Chief Executive Officer, said,

'The past three years have seen a tremendous expansion in the Group. We have increased the range of services within our Logistics Division particularly in rail-related operations. In 2006 we acquired Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd and in the last few months we have acquired Woodholme Construction Services and have taken over operation of DIRFT. The objective of the new corporate branding exercise is to create a value-driven identity that unifies the activities within the Group. The company slogan, 'Practical Solutions, Successful Partnerships' adds to the core Group Values that are rooted in the tradition of our company.'

Helen Ryan explains the approach to the creation of the new brand guidelines,

'We decided to develop the Malcolm brand because like any other brand it should develop and evolve over a period of time. By carrying out this exercise we feel that we have revitalized the look and feel of the Malcolm brand and reflected the positive changes that have occurred in our business.'



GET MY DIRFT?

On 7th June 2008, Malcolm Rail, a Division of Malcolm Logistics, took over the operation of the Rail Terminal at DIRFT (Daventry International Railfreight Terminal).

Exel/DHL decided to exit Rail Terminal operations in the UK, and agreed to sell their business to ProLogis, the landlords of the DIRFT site, who had reached agreement with Malcolm Rail to become the new Terminal Operator.





ProLogis, for its part, has taken a positive, strategic decision to invest in rail-linked distribution parks. Malcolm Rail is ideally placed to partner ProLogis in this undertaking and both parties have committed to invest resources in this partnership.

The decision to invest jointly in the (re)development of the DIRFT rail operation will yield substantial benefits via Malcolm Rail's pro-active marketing of DIRFT as a key inland intermodal terminal of choice and the implementation of operational and commercial management structures and disciplines. A new management team has been appointed to run the Terminal under the direction of David Faulkner, Malcolm Logistics' Operations Director:

DIRFT currently handles 120 train services per week for major train operating companies such as Freightliner, EWS and Direct Rail Services (DRS).

Current container lifting volumes are around 100,000 units per annum, handled by 3 Reachstackers and an empty container lifter. Malcolm Rail will shortly replace the existing Reachstackers, which have reached the end of their serviceable life, with more appropriate units. We anticipate that the Terminal will, in the foreseeable future, expand train services by up to 30% and increase associated lifting volumes and container storage, etc.

Among the end-users serviced by DIRFT operations are major shipping lines (OOCL, NYK, K&N, Evergreen), key retailers such as Tesco, ASDA and Mothercare, multinational corporations such as Diageo and UPM Kymmene and logistics specialists such as Malcolm Logistics, Eddie Stobart, Exel and John G Russell.



LOGISTICS MAKE AN EXHIBITION OF THEMSELVES



Almost 1900 visitors and 700 VIP's, in addition to conference attendees, press and exhibitors made their way through the doors of Hall 10 at Birmingham's NEC in April to visit the Multimodal 2008 exhibition. Malcolm Logistics took a stand and the exhibition was deemed to be so successful that we have booked again for next year's event.

The company's new corporate identity was unveiled at the stand and visitors were given the opportunity to test their train driving skills in a simulated "in-cab" driving environment. The state of the art rail driver training software package included a 3D train with the new Malcolm livery.

Multimodal is now established as a leading event for the Freight, Transport, Logistics and SCM industries. Covering all modes of transport, the event reflected the strength of the industry, addressed the challenges and charted the future.

MALCOLM'S HAULAGE COLLEGE



From 10th September 2009, compulsory training is being introduced for all drivers who hold a Category C, C+E or C1 large goods vehicle driving licence. Existing drivers have until September 2014 to obtain the new Drivers' Certificate of Professional Competence, requiring them to receive 35 hours of approved training.

Allan Linklater, said, "We are planning to do this training "in house" and to this end we have recently received the go-ahead from Skills for Logistics who have approved both our proposed training plans and our instructors." Drivers who obtain the CPC will need to renew it every five years by doing another 35 hours of training. Malcolm's "haulage college" is going to be busy.



TRUCKSCENE

With the increase of his Classic Truck fleet and the enthusiasm of drivers of the modern Malcolm fleet entering truck shows, Andrew Malcolm is keen to accommodate the use of these vehicles for entry to these events.

Over the past year, these classic trucks have been displayed at numerous events throughout the country. Malcolm vehicles have attended: Speedfair at Knockhill racing circuit, the Ayrshire Commercial Vintage road run to Port Patrick, Truckfest Scotland at Ingleston, the Albion Heritage show at Biggar and then finally the Scottish National Tractor and Classic Commercial Show at Lanark.

It is hoped that this will be a regular section in the magazine. If you have any photographs of interest or stories involving the Malcolm fleet please e-mail Helen Ryan or George Johnson at Newhouse for possible inclusion in future issues.

60 is the new **40!**

Or so Jim Clark would have you believe! Jim, The MD of Malcolm Logistics, has reached this landmark but has no intention of slowing down. "There's no chance of that, he told us, there's so much on at the moment and it's such an exciting time for the company."

Congratulations to Jim.



A STEP IN TIME?

It is not unknown to be talking to other Malcolm colleagues at half past midnight on a Saturday morning. We are after all working 24/7, as the name of the magazine suggests. Normally, of course, the reason is a problem with a delivery, vehicle or train.

On Saturday 21st June 2008, three of my colleagues were in discussion at half past midnight but it wasn't a work discussion. Rather we had just set off on a 40 mile walk. John Boal, Paul Hobday, Scott McDonald and I had decided to undertake the Lyke Wake Walk, from Northallerton to Ravenscar, near Whitby on the beautiful North Yorkshire Coast. This famous route was established in the 1950's.

By 6.30am, we had walked at 1100 feet above sea level for about 8 miles along an old railway line, which took us nicely to a Moorland Pub.

At 9.30am the weather decided to take a turn for the worst. Mercifully, Pete Cross, an old friend from my labouring days met us at the 30 mile post and provided us with hot tea and provisions.

Ravenscar was reached at 6.30pm - 18 hours after setting off. We all felt tired and wet but all in all we had a great time. So, how many for next year's trip?

John Holwell





ALLAN'S NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations also go to Allan Russell, IT Project Manager at Malcolm Logistics - his wife Brenda, recently gave birth to a baby girl called Lucy.

ON YOUR MARKS...

GET SET...
GO...
with 'ASDA!'



On the 10th August 2008 in Bruntingthorpe, the Malcolm Group participated in the 'On Your Marks' open day, a private transport related event, organised by Asda.



This open day was created six years ago, when sadly it was discovered that an Asda truck driver was dying from cancer. The aim of the day was to collect money which would help out this employee and his family. It was a huge success and raised an impressive £7500. After this achievement Asda and the other parties involved decided to make it an annual event, donating the money raised to a number of children's cancer charities. In the last six years they have made a contribution of around £150,000.

At this year's event, the Malcolm Group were able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to help give something back, exhibiting a range of our trucks both new and old.

Quote from Matt Grocock, Regional Transport Manager: "We raised £86.00 on our lucky dip and gave out loads of balloons. I went for a walk in the afternoon and it seemed that every other child was clutching a Malcolm's balloon."

All in all, it was a spectacular day. The crowd was thought to be nearing 11,000. With 2008's show being another huge hit, it seems certain that it will carry on, continuing to raise money that could help improve the lives of thousands of people.

RIVERSIDE MUSEUM PROJECT



Traditionally found in the Kelvin Hall, the Museum of Transport is now relocating. The new Museum of Transport will be bigger and better than the current one and is a key component of Glasgow's waterfront regeneration.

It is being built on a site where the Clyde and Kelvin rivers meet and is next to Glasgow Harbour. It will display the land and maritime transport heritage of the city. The historic Glenlee tall ship will be moored alongside it and the museum is due to open in 2009.

Malcolm Construction are presently involved in the construction of the foundations, service tunnels and floors for the new museum.



More reasons to shop at...

Built on the site of an old Gas Works, the £30m Morrison Superstore in Granton, Edinburgh has just been finalised. Malcolm Construction was in charge of the £4.5M ground works package of the project. This included earthworks, reinforced concrete walls and a frame for an underground car park, as well as substructure and hard landscaping to all the buildings. £150,000 worth of high quality Chinese granite paving was used for the new superstore, student accommodation, bar restaurant and office block.

Malcolm also installed and upgraded two traffic light junctions to allow access to the development.



BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE



Malcolm Construction Services recently announced the opening of their Hard Rock Quarry in Loanhead, Beith. The Quarry is now fully operational producing a full range of bulk fill and single size materials.

Paul Browne, Sales Manager said, "Our experience within the construction industry is wide and varied, working in partnership with high profile and well-respected clients delivering a first class service."

In order to cater for our ever-expanding customer base in the West of Scotland, we have invested heavily in plant and machinery. It is our aim to consistently produce material that is of the highest quality to both our internal and external markets. Having a dedicated haulage fleet supports this, as we can ensure that a consistent quality of service is being delivered. An efficient quarry collect service is also available at Loanhead. We aim to maintain our reputation as a supplier of first choice, whilst continuing to develop, guaranteeing that we always exceed our customer's expectations.

Going Back to College at 'Ravenscraig'

Malcolm Construction is presently involved in the construction of the new Motherwell College Campus. This Campus will consist of four buildings housing a workshop, teaching nursery, accommodation with a parking and drainage infrastructure. The site will be an impressive 200,000 sq ft in size. The college looks set to relocate to the brand new, purpose built campus, erected on the former Ravenscraig site, in August 2009. This will replace the existing campus situated at Dalziel Drive in Motherwell.

On completion, the new college will provide the local community with a modern and functional environment that will inspire learning in the 21st century. The new facilities and equipment will allow students to enjoy some of the highest standards of education in Lanarkshire.

'CELTIC' SIGNING!

Malcolm Group were recently involved as the main contractor overseeing all construction and building works at Celtic's new training facility in Lennoxtown, a development which their Chairman, Brian Quinn called 'a reflection of the Scottish Champions' standing as one of the top outfits in Europe'.

The 46-acre site, situated near Campsie Fells, includes indoor and outdoor pitches, grass and artificial surfaces and state-of-the-art medical and sports injury recovery facilities, with a view to building conference facilities and live-in dormitory areas for young players on spare land nearby. CCG were contracted to build the training centre itself.

Martin Kiely, Managing Director of Malcolm Construction, stated, "Ourselves and CCG have worked on around 150 projects together over the last 10 years. We have built up a very strong working relationship during that time. So it was really a no-brainer for us to get them involved on the Celtic Park contract. I wouldn't say they were a sub-contractor in the process, more like a partner."

We brought an in-house team together and by working closely with the Miller Partnership and URS, the consulting engineers, we were able to help them achieve a solution that has worked really well." At the opening, Brian Quinn heaped praise on Malcolm Construction for, what he credited, as "a magnificent job". "No project of this size can be completed on budget and on time – after allowance is made for the unhelpful weather over the winter months – without the work and dedication of many people.

I would like to thank the workers, both indoor and outdoors who, over some 18 months, brought the project to a most successful conclusion." It's a sentiment echoed by Robert Kennedy (Senior Architect with Miller Partnership): "Malcolm and CCG worked well together and the construction process went well".

It's a compliment that Martin Kiely takes pride in but adds that he shares the glory with the whole project team. "The goal for us, the design team and project managers was to get the job finished to programme and we achieved that by working well together."





PIRIE **PAVES**THE WAY

Taking delivery of Cat AP300

Pirie Contract Services, the specialist Road Surfacing and Civil Engineering contractor within the Malcolm Group, announced the anticipated arrival of a new Cat AP300 Small Asphalt Paver which is widely recognised as one of the highest performing asphalt pavers in the industry.

Grainger Robertson, Director of Pirie Contracts said, "This investment indicates Malcolm's continued commitment to customer satisfaction and maintaining the most efficient, up-to-date fleet in the road surfacing and civil engineering business". Pirie Contracts are also currently undergoing accreditation to be ISO 9001 compliant.

Woodholme Acquisition



The Malcolm Group has acquired Woodholme Construction Ltd, the Lincolnshire-based firm that was established in 1989. Woodholme are leaders in laser-controlled paving for major sports contractors and specialise in the preparation and full construction of all-weather surfaces.

Their clients range across the spectrum of Local Authorities, Government Organisations, Facility Managers and Private Companies. Woodholme was involved in the construction of the athletics areas for the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

The acquisition further strengthens the Malcolm Group's presence in the Sports Surfaces industry, with the acquisition of Charles Lawrence Sports Surfaces and the expansion of the Malcolm Sports Surfaces Division.



'SPORTS HEADLINES'

2008 has been an exceptional year for Malcolm Sports Surfaces. The main body of our work continues to be the construction of synthetic and natural pitches for the major PPP contracts throughout Scotland. This year we have built upon last year's success, securing new contracts totalling £10m for the sports facilities for 17 new schools across West Dunbartonshire, (HBG), East Dunbartonshire (Morgan Ashurst), Edinburgh Schools (Laing O'Rourke), and South Ayrshire (Carillion).

Outwith the schools projects, we have also secured prestigious contracts for the new training facility for the Scottish Rugby Union at Murrayfield in conjunction with Souter's Sports. This will be the first major Rugby dedicated synthetic pitch in Scotland.

One of the major developments in the sports division, is the ability to provide a complete solution for sports projects including natural and synthetic pitches and civil and building works. Both St. Mirren and Hazeldene Developments at Johnstone Burgh FC have selected Malcolm to deliver major football projects in this manner. For St. Mirren, Malcolm Construction will deliver the new £1m training facility with three grass pitches, a top of the range full size synthetic grass training pitch and refurbishment of the changing facilities within the project. On completion, St. Mirren will commence work on the second phase, a full size indoor synthetic pitch with Malcolm Construction as the Main Contractor:



Hazeldene Developments at Johnstone Burgh FC is a similar project, converting a redundant building and pitch into one of the leading Junior Football Club facilities with a synthetic training pitch located nearby at Johnstone High School. This is a £1.6m project, due for completion in December 2008.

Jonathon Curley, Sales Manager, Sports Surfaces said, "This year has also seen the launch of our tennis business with contracts secured for two leading clubs in the West of Scotland: Woodend and Helensbrough Lawn Tennis Clubs. We now offer a full range of products from club through to national tennis level both indoor and outdoor."



CHARLES LAWRENCE SURFACES HIGH PROFILE INSTALLATIONS

Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd, the leading technical innovator in the highly specialised field of synthetic sports surfacing, have had another very busy and successful year. Completed projects have included a number of high profile facilities covering our extensive product range across all sectors of the market.



Projects of particular note include:-

- A full-size outdoor pitch and 3000m² indoor pitch for Aston Villa FC
- A Class I certified 6 lane 'sandwich' athletics track complete with throwing and jumping events at The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst
- Two sand filled pitches at Uppingham School, Rutland
- Various surfaces installed at Next Generation Clubs, Swindon
- Athletics track at Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill near Sheffield recently opened by Olympian Steve Backley OBE
- A range of facilities including pitches and MUGS's for Sir Robert McAlpine at the Gateshead Building Schools for the Future project.

Put your shirt on St Columbas

The Malcolm Group have sponsored the shirts for the St Columbas 1st XV. This will provide the team with fantastic strips for both the season and a French tour. The team is looking forward to the season having already won their first three games.

Last year St Columbas reached the final of the SRU Bowl competition. The final was held at Currie Rugby Club, where the team came together to play the best rugby they had displayed all season, sadly losing narrowly to Jedburgh 17-5.

Captain Stewart Gray and vice-captain Kyle Nish have high aspirations for the team this season and will be looking for a strong run in the cup. They passed on their thanks to the Malcolm Group for their generous sponsorship.



LENZIE COLTS

Lenzie Colts is an under 12s football team from Kirkintilloch formed in 2008, coached and managed by our very own Gavin Summers.

In the summer the Colts competed in a Scandinavian Football Tournament in Sweden, where they were successful in reaching the semi final, only losing out by a narrow margin of 2-1.

The Colts will be competing in the East Dunbartonshire Soccer League which started in early September. Gavin will keep us posted as the boys progress through the season.



THE MALCOLM GROUP SPONSOR BEITH JUNIORS

By Kevin McGoldrick Semi-Pro correspondent for the Daily Record



The Malcolm Group are delighted to announce that their partnership with top junior outfit Beith has been extended for another season. After a successful and fruitful spell associated with the Ayrshire Superleague Club, the Group will be backing the 'Mighty' towards glory during the 2008/09 campaign.

Malcolm's have enjoyed many years of involvement with the Club and have opted to fulfil the role of main sponsors for a second consecutive season.

Last term saw Beith participate in the West Region Superleague Premier for the first time after gaining promotion from the First Division.

Our very own John Boal currently holds the position of President within a Club which has earned a reputation for extending a warm and friendly welcome to all who visit Bellsdale Park.

There has been a vast on field improvement in recent years so much so that they can attract international quality with Martin McGarvey and Brian McKeown being capped to play for their Country.

It is hoped last season's mid table finish will be bettered this time around and the 'Mighty Beith' maintain their ambitions of challenging for the Superleague Title.

The Malcolm Group would like to take this opportunity to wish Beith Juniors FC every success as they embark on their quest for Silverware in 2008/09.